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Mediation settles hospital law suit

by Wes Burnett

An agreement reached through mediation has apparently settled the law suit against the Garza County Hospital District regarding the at-large election process. The agreement was announced

at the regular meeting of the district's board Tuesday night (2/20/01).

The proposed plan, which must be approved by the U.S. Department of Justice prior to its implementation, will include four director districts and one at-large director. The single member districts are the same boundaries as the Garza County commissioner precincts.

The district is planning its May 5 election based on the agreement, in hopes that the Department of Justice will approve the plan. "We don't think there is going to be any problem," hospital district attorney Calloway Huffaker said, "it's basically the same as the county's plan and plaintiffs have agreed."

In this year's election, the at-large and precincts 3 and 4 will compete for director positions.

Current board members David Tyler and Michael Travis will continue in their positions for one year. Both Tyler and Travis live in Precinct Two.

The 2001 at-large director will serve a one year term. In the 2002 election, voters will choose

directors from precincts one and two, and an at-large candidate for two year terms.

Candidates for the precinct director positions must live in the precincts of which they intend to represent, and voting boxes will be established at the regular

municipal places established by the City of Post. The board also hopes to join the city in sharing election judges.

The Post city council will be requested to approve the sharing of facilities and election judges, as well as a share of the cost.

The agreement also calls for a referendum by voters on term limits, to be included in the district's 2002 election.

Huffaker said that the consent decree from the U.S. District court is expected to be signed by Friday of this week.



Dr. Larry Mills, D.V.M., was named Citizen of the Year at last Saturday's Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau's annual banquet.

New Post ISD gym expected to be completed by June

by Sheri Lewis

It may be June before construction on the new Post High School gymnasium is complete, according to a report delivered to the school district trustees last week.

In a routine construction report, school board members learned that due to bad weather in recent weeks, the project is about 27 days behind schedule. Projections put the building's completion at some time in June, which would force district officials to rethink their plans for May commencement exercises.

"It could be earlier," Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain said, "but we think it will be June before it's complete."

The groundbreaking for the 29,000-square-foot facility was in

April of 2000.

The project, which is expected to cost just under \$2.6 million, will result in a building with a capacity of about 950.

The project is being funded by district monies.

In other business related to the gymnasium project, board members met with Lori Owen, an interior design/color coordinator from Texas Tech University. Owen is working with school officials to determine colors to be used in the gymnasium and in campus classrooms.

In other business handled during the meeting, which ended at 12:15 a.m., trustees:

• Approved a pair of sick leave policies for employees, including one that allows for the district's

"purchase" of sick leave days for retiring employees with 10 or more years of service. The other policy adopted enables employees to create a sick leave "pool," through which employees can "donate" sick leave days to other employees facing serious or long-term illnesses.

• Called for a May 5 election for Places 4 and 5 on the board of trustees. Those positions are presently held by board members Alexa Collier and Jeff Lott.

• Changed the school district's fiscal year to run from July 1 to June 30 instead of Sept. 1 through Aug. 31. This will help the district's schedule to coincide with the federal fiscal year, a move district officials hope will help simplify bookkeeping.

• Approved a tax refund on overpayment.

• Considered a technology grant filed by James Easterling.

• Received a report from algebra teacher Nancy McDonald, who recently traveled to the Sundown school to see new ideas for

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Amando and Leonora Chapa accepted the Business of the Year award at this year's annual Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau banquet. They own and operate Chapa's Family Restaurant.

Toxicology reports negative on drivers

Toxicology tests were negative for both of the drivers involved in a Nov. 6 automobile accident that claimed the life of a 20-year-old Post man.

According to deputy Tommy Binford of the Garza County Sheriff's Department, toxicology tests run on each of the drivers — Jeremy Edwards and Cassie Miller — were negative for alcohol and narcotics.

Authorities were still consulting with the district attorney's office on the case last week, Binford said, but at this point, no charges are likely.

Edwards was driving a 1998 Ford pickup and Cassie Miller was behind the wheel of a 2000 Mitsubishi Eclipse on Nov. 6 when the two vehicles were involved in a collision at 8th Street and Avenue Q, according to sheriff's department reports.

The accident resulted in the death of Justin Rudd, a passenger in Edwards' pickup.

Post Notes

Girls fastpitch meeting Friday

A meeting at the Post High School gym will be held Friday, September 23 at 6 p.m. to organize and register for the South Plains Girls Fastpitch softball. Girls ages 11-18 may register, bring a birth certificate and \$25 registration fee to the meeting. Registration must be submitted soon, with practices to begin in April. Games will begin April 21. There are three age divisions: high school, 14 and under and 12 and under. For more information call Jaquita Blevins at 495-2517.

Methodist women meet Feb. 27

First United Methodist Church women will meet February 27 at 10 a.m. in the home of Carolyn Black. The study of the Gospel of Matthew will continue, beginning on page 66 of the study guide. A nursery will be provided. For more information call 495-0305.

Basketball Play-off T-shirts

The Post Antelope Booster Club is taking orders for special basketball playoff T-shirts. Both the Lady Lopes and Antelopes are in the playoff this year. The T-shirts will have the rosters of both teams on the back, as well as a nice looking logo on the front. Short sleeves are \$15 and long sleeves are \$20. Orders must be received by 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13. Place your order with Larry Mills at 495-3726, Kim Mills at the high school, 495-2770, Jana McCallister at 495-3545 or Rannie Gradine at 495-2070.

VFW members help VA patients

Members of the VFW are collecting items to help patients at the Big Spring VA hospital, for delivery February 22. Items needed for hospitalized veterans include puzzle books, games, playing cards, razors, combs, tooth paste, tooth brushes, books, magazines, cakes, cookies, brownies and fruit. Those interested in helping should bring items to the VFW Hall on the Clairmont Hwy or call Janet at 495-2026, Ruth at 495-4185 or JoAnn at 495-3393.

Close City/Garlynn reunion

Plans are being made for the Close City/Garlynn Reunion, with an organizational meeting set for Monday, February 26 at 6 p.m., 509 N. Avenue S in Post. Call Charles Morris at 495-3413 or Frances Conrad at 495-2518.

Cancer Survivors needed

Organizers for the Post Relay for Life are seeking the names of cancer survivors in this area. Please call Nancy McDonald after 5 p.m. at 495-3315.

Christian School fund raising meal

The First Baptist Christian School invites the community to stew and cornbread supper on Wed., Feb. 21. This is an annual fundraising event for the school. Stew, cornbread, and dessert will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is on a donation basis. Carry-outs will be available and special entertainment will be provided by students.



Wells Fargo's Charles Hardin (center) presents a \$2,000 check to United Way's president Rodney Tidwell (left) in a presentation last week at MAD DAD's "Da House." Joining in the event are Mandy Terry (left to right), Nicholas Collazo (front), Brandi Gunn, Hardin, Cathy Vickers and Carol Short. Wells Fargo designated \$1,000 of the contribution for MAD DADS Inc.



Amanda Workman (center) was crowned PHS Sweetheart at the February 12 event. Other contestants were (left to right) Jennifer Morgan, Keri Holly, Kenda Looney, Emily Smith, Kesley Wimmer, Meagan Mills, Workman,

Jerica Tyler, Mandy Terry, Erine Ayala and Barbara Ayala. Morgan, Tyler and Workman shared Talent Contest top honors. Tyler was named first runnerup, with Mills being named Miss Congeniality and Second runner-up.

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Kay Smith, Coy Willis exchange wedding vows

The historic First Presbyterian Church was the site of the Saturday, February 17, 2001 wedding of Kay Smith and Coy Willis. The ceremony was led by Roger Garrett of Lubbock, with prayer led by Jimmy Willis (brother) of Lubbock.

For her wedding, the bride chose a knee-length black crepe satin dress with a shower of sequins. As she entered, the bride was serenaded by the groomsmen who sang "Forever and Ever Amen."

The groom wore a black suit accented by a burgundy tie. The floral decor featured burgundy roses with accents of cream and pearl. Bridesmaids were Joy Smith (daughter), Shanna Smith (cousin) and Pam Sanders. Flower girl was Anastasia Rodriguez (granddaughter).

Serving as groomsmen were Gary Sanders, Junior Sanchez and Tea Ponda. Ring bearer was Joe Robert Grist (grandson).

A reception at the Post Community Center followed the ceremony. Family and friends were served a buffet of finger food.

The bride's cake was a three-tier, heart-shaped cake of soft pink and accents of fine flowers. The groom's cake was a two-tier chocolate cake featuring two motorcycles. The cakes were designed by the bride.

Following a trip to Houston, the newlyweds plans to reside in Midland.

The couple would like to extend a special word of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Earl of Post for their kindness.*



Kay and Coy Willis

Post students earn honors at SPC

Ronnie Eaton and Daniel Fluitt from Post have been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall semester at South Plains College.

"It is always a pleasure each semester to recognize those students who have been named to the college's honor lists," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president. "They have set high standards for themselves academically, and we appreciate and applaud their efforts."

Students named to the President's Honor List must maintain a 4.0 or straight A grade point average while carrying at least 12 semester hours of college-level work.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while carrying at least 12 semester hours of college-level work with no failing grades.

Ladies Auxiliary welcomes state president

by Lana Comer

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW District 7 welcomes Aletha Jeter, state president, to our area. She will be met at the airport by Janet Ratliff, District 7 president, and JoAnn

Stelzer, president of our VFW Post 6797, on Friday, Feb. 23.

Her agenda shall keep her very busy. First she will be attending a luncheon given in her honor to be held at Arbor Grand Central Station Antiques. All members are urged to attend. Afterward, she will visit and tour the VA clinic in Lubbock.

Friday night, Aletha will attend a birthday party of 66 years at VFW Post 2466 in Lubbock. Saturday, she will travel to Littlefield for a past presidents meeting and a social get-together at 6 p.m. Sunday in Littlefield will be a District 7 meeting.

Aletha is from Palestine and can trace her lineage as far back as her great-grandfather. He fought in the Battle of San Jacinto.

Aletha has served the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW with faithfulness and dedication by holding every office position possible in state.

We invite every member of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW to attend District 7 meeting in Littlefield. There will be a luncheon served. Door prizes and grocery baskets will be given away by drawing. There will be lots of fun!



Where have the years gone?

I just can't believe that you are trying 40 Seems "way" unreal to me So have a fun-filled Birthday Celebrate galore! Remember that I love you Each day more & more Love, Mom



The name Ohio comes from the Iroquois word for beautiful, oheo.

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

I sit here on Tuesday morning taking in the sunshine coming in the front door. It is so pretty out there and who doesn't love this 70+ degree weather? But nevermind! Get prepared for cold weather again. I guess we will have to endure the back and forth of things until Easter.

You remember, I told you last year that my mom the weather person never let me have a sleeveless dress for Easter because it will surely be cold that weekend!

I've noticed some blooms, I hope that the fruit trees don't get caught in the middle again this year.

Week end guests

My family and I are really looking forward to the weekend. We are expecting company (more like family) from Arlington and it has been quite a while since we have seen them.

Betty Witt and daughter Cindy called last week to let us know they were coming and we have been counting the days.

This is a friendship of some 32 years. Betty became my "adopted" mom when I moved away from my mom for the first time. On top of that trauma, I was expecting my first child (Kerri). I don't know what I would have done without her, husband Doyle and kids Cindy and Billy.

In return, my mom adopted all of them and the story goes on. Why as humans do we let life get so busy that so much time goes by without seeing good friends? Go figure!

Subject: Kids

• Ever notice that a human baby doesn't walk until it's tall enough to reach a parent's hand.

• Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing is like cleaning the drive before it stops snowing.

• There is only one pretty child in the world and every parent has it.

• Mothers of teens know why animals eat their young. I asked my mom if I was a gifted child...she said she certainly wouldn't have paid for me.

• Anyone who says "easy as taking candy from a baby" has never tried it!

• The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than yours.

• Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.

• Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your children.

Welcome back Wanda

I was happy to see Wanda Morris back in church Sunday. She has had a time of it here lately and we have missed her being there Sunday morning. I'm happy she felt well enough to come back. Her pew is just too empty without her! Hopefully we will have Alma and Joe back too! We miss them much!!

Birthdays

Friday, February 23: Cliff Colvin, Jane Redman, Angela Merrell and Linnie Jefferson; anniversary, Kirk and Traci Stevens. Saturday, February 24: Gina Rodriguez. Sunday, February 25: Jack Hair, Christina Atzbach and Melissa DeLeon; anniversary, Jim and Juanetta Boeko. Monday, February 26: Mike Hair and Samantha Perez. Tuesday, February 27: Brent Smith, Marcella Hair, Dee Justice and Channa Jones. Wednesday, February 28, My grandchild, Kaylyn Dean, Sharla Wells, Ron Mason, Wilma Williams, Charcie Mosser and Jasmie Collozo. Thursday, February 29: Alexia Sneed, Matti Smith, David Nichols, Jordon Smith, Rodney Tidwell, and Jordon Smith.

Email...Another blonde joke

My wife, who is blonde, came running up to me in the driveway the other day just jumping for joy. I didn't know why she was jumping for joy but I thought what the heck, and I started jumping up and down along with her when she said "Honey, I have some great news for you" I said "Great, tell me what you are so happy about."

She stopped jumping and was breathing heavy, from all the jumping up and down, when she told me she was pregnant.

I was so ecstatic, we had been trying for a while so I grabbed her and kissed her, telling her that was great! I couldn't be happier, then she said "Oh, honey there's more."

I asked "What do you mean?", she said, "Well, we are not going to have just one baby, we are going to have twins!"

Amazed at how she could know so soon after getting pregnant, I asked her how she knew.

She said well that was the easy part. I went to Wal-Mart and bought the 2-pack home pregnancy test kits and both tests came out positive!

Congratulations Kids

I want to say congratulations to the Varsity boys and girls for a wonderful season. Each one of you kids did a fine job and should be proud of your record. Hats off to each of you.

New business

If you all haven't noticed, we have a new business coming into town. There will be a used auto business located in the old Gulf station. More info to follow but would like to welcome these folks to Post!

Till Next Week

Hope you all have a great weekend. May God bless and be with you. See you next week.

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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Sara Stevens, CEA-FCS

Debt Trouble Warning Signs

Do you ever wonder why you spend money, and why you buy what you buy? Have you ever considered other ways you could use your money instead of buying expensive items? Have you ever wondered if you really need these new purchases? For some, these are difficult questions. We tend to spend money like there is no tomorrow or like it grows on trees. But we have to remember, there will be another day. And that means another day to pay for lights, for food, for trips to the doctor, and for credit card charges.



These spending habits may be warning signs of impending financial trouble:

- Your paycheck is gone before you get the next one.
- You are making minimum payments on your credit cards because that's all you can afford.
- You are frequently late with rent, mortgage or other payments.
- You are taking out new loans to pay off existing loans or credit card payments.
- You are afraid to add up your total debt, and you have no idea how much you owe your creditors.
- You do not contribute to a savings plan, and you have no savings.
- You post-date checks or often rush to the bank to cover a check you've written.
- You have maxed out, or almost maxed out, your credit cards.
- You realize you will immediately be in financial trouble if you lose your job.

If you recognize these signs in your family's finances, it's time to take steps to reduce your debt. It certainly doesn't mean that you have to eliminate all the enjoyment from your life, but it does mean that you need to engage your family in serious discussion about ways to trim spending or increase your monthly income.

If we don't keep tomorrow in mind, we'll end up spending everything we have today. More important, if we are constantly running up charges on our credit cards, we're even borrowing from our tomorrows to pay for today's wants. In other words, overspending today means less money tomorrow.

Just ask yourself: Will those new shoes and that dress still be here in 20 years? And the answer is no. But you and your family members will probably still be around. And if you don't reduce your spending, then all of those bills will still be around, too.



Competing in a recent U.I.L. academics meet were Post High School coaches and students (back row, left to right) coach Ralynn Kirkpatrick, Christi Daily, Doris Giddens, Russell Eaton, Laura Tobias, Kenda Josey, coach Sandra Alexander, K'Leigh Babb, Naomi Gonzales, Charles Huffman, Chase Miller, Amy Easterling, (front) A.J. Dickman, Meagan Mills, Kyle Gunn, Laci Williams, Jamie Dawson, Jessica Garza, Tandi Humble, Teresa Salas and Heather Bullard.

Extension Extras

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Congratulations...

...to Garza County youth that exhibited at the San Antonio Livestock Show. Exhibitors and their placings were as follows: Steers - Traci Nelson, 2nd. Light ABC; Brooks Conner, 4th. Middle Hereford; Jeremy Bland, 8th. Middle Simmental; Coby Jones, 9th. Heavy ABC. Lambs - Coby Jones, 4th. Light-Middle Cross; Emily Smith, 7th. Light Medium Wool. Hogs - Steve Norman, 3rd. Berkshire Good luck to all exhibitors at the Houston Livestock Show.

4-H Trap Shooting...

...has begun but it's not too late to sign up! If you are interested, contact Ray or Celia Mason at 495-2776.

Special 4-H Projects starting

4-H Rifle Project - If you want to participate on a Rifle Team, project meetings will start soon and you must attend the first safety meetings to be able to shoot. Call 495-4400 to sign up.

Judging Team Info - Judging team practice for Spring contests will begin soon. If you are interested in Livestock or Horse, call to sign up.

4-HElectric Project - If you want to learn about electricity, electrical safety and building electrical projects, you need to sign up for the Electric Project. Rebecca Dimak from Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be working with this project so call today to sign up.

Nutrition Quiz Bowl - You can learn all you need to know about Food and Nutrition at practice sessions beginning soon. Sara will be working with this group so call to sign up.

Photography Project - Learn helpful hints on taking pictures and enter contest. If you're a "shutter-bug", call to sign up.



Competing in a recent U.I.L. academics meet were Post High School coaches and students (back row, left to right) coach Kim Mills, Jennifer Morgan, Laura Tobias, Eboni Gonzalez, Ricky Reyna, (front) Brice Easterling, Tye Mason, Jarrett Vickers, Josh Payne and Lisa Soto.

PHS students take top spots at UIL

Post High School fared well at the Hub of the Plains Spring University Interscholastic League (UIL) academic meet held Feb. 10 at Coronado High School in Lubbock.

Three individuals snagged first place finishes in their competitions, including Jessica Garza in headline writing; Laci Williams in ready writing; and Meagan Mills in spelling.

Mills teamed up with Tandi Humble and Teresa Salas for a first place finish in the team spelling contest.

Other wins by Post High students

included:

- Teresa Salas — third place, spelling.
- Tandi Humble — fourth place, spelling.
- Josh Payne — fifth place, number sense.
- Jessica Garza — fifth place, feature writing.
- Jennifer Morgan — fifth place, calculator.
- Kenda Josey — sixth place, current events.

• Naomi Gonzales — seventh place, spelling.

• Josh Payne — seventh place, mathematics.

Other PHS student competitors in the Coronado High School- and Monterey High School-sponsored included Dianna Williams, Jamie Dawson, Steve Norman, Kyle Gunn, Aaron Cooper, Heather Bullard, Charles Huffman, Laura Tobias, K'Leigh Babb, Ricky Reyna, Lisa Soto, Jarrett Vickers, Tye Mason and Brice Easterling.

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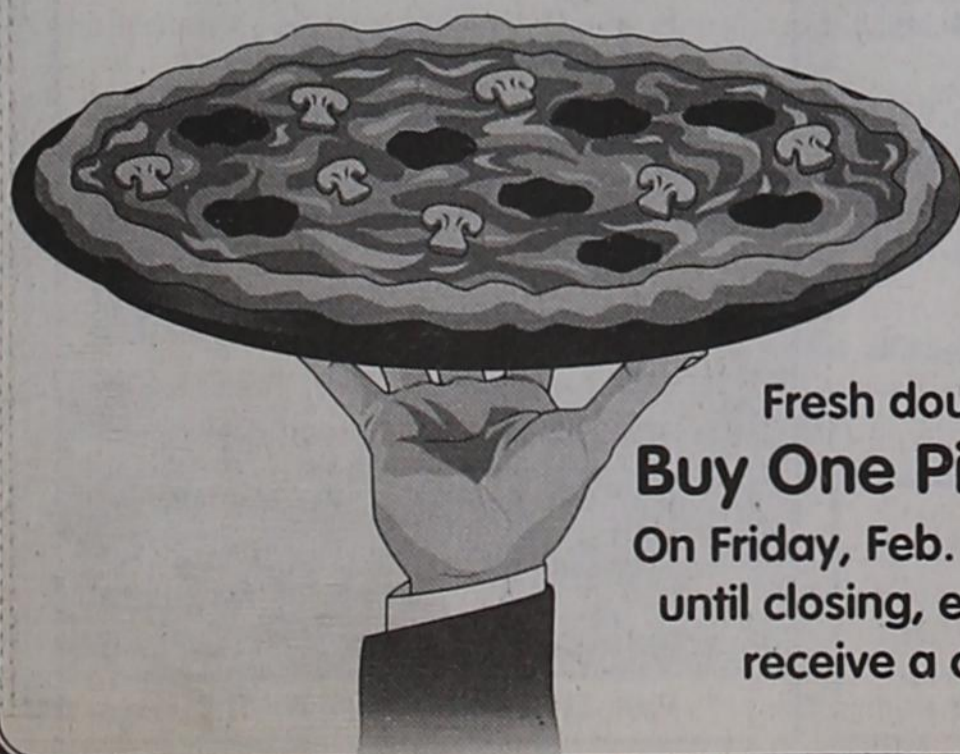
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Obituaries

Donald Wayne Howe

Services for Donald Wayne Howe, 60, of Post were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001, in the Hudman Funeral Home. Burial will be at a later date in Chandler, Okla.

He died Saturday, Feb. 10, at his home. Born June 3, 1940, in Shawnee, Okla., he had lived in Post for the past five years. He was a truck driver and served in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include four daughters, Vickie Lawrence of Post, Valerie Betancur of Moore, Okla., Paula Howe of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Amanda Howe of Meeker, Okla.; one son, Charles Howe of Oklahoma City; one sister, Sue Tinsley of Del City, Okla.; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Nellie G. Wolfe

Services for Nellie Mae Gust Wolfe, 87, of Ontario, Calif., were held Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, in the Draper Memorial Chapel in Ontario. Burial followed in the Bolivia Memorial Park under the direction of the Draper Mortuary.

She died Jan. 29 in Upland, Calif. Born May 28, 1913, in Nocona, she lived in and near Post from 1917-1935. She was a spot welder for the General Electric Flat Iron Plant in Ontario for 34 years and spent 66 years in the city.

Survivors include her husband, Louis; two nephews, David William Gust of Sand Springs, Okla., and Jimmy Dale Moore of Mission Voyage, Calif.; and one niece, Marina Marie Davis of Ontario.

Burl Chandler

Services for Burl Chandler, 67, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001, at the My Olive Cemetery in Big Spring with the Rev. Bruce Cotton of Hospice of Lubbock officiating. Human Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He died Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Lubbock Hospitality House. Born July 15, 1933, in San Angelo, he was a retired house painter and a veteran of the Korean War. He was a resident of Big Spring for many years. Survivors include one sister, Verdi Kelly of Lubbock, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Sarah Elizabeth Smith

Services for Sarah Elizabeth Smith, 78, of Trinchera, Colo., were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001, at the Mullare-Murphy Funeral Home. Private burial services were conducted at the family plot on the Smith Ranch.

She died Feb. 13 at Parkview Medical Center in Pueblo, Colo. Born Oct. 15, 1922, in Snyder to R. Clyde and Bessie Miller, she grew up on the Miller Ranch in Borden County and graduated from high school in Fluvanna. She was a champion cowgirl and was one of the top 10 rodeo cowgirls in the state selected to represent Texas at Madison Square Garden in New York in 1939. She attended Texas Tech in Lubbock.

She married Excel Smith in 1942 and they moved to Trinchera following his World War II military service. She lived on the Smith Ranch at Trinchera for the next 56 years. Known for her horsemanship skills, she was a Master Farm Homemaker and was active in the Branson-Trinchera Home Extension Club. Her love of ranching continued throughout her life, and she was nominated to the Cowgirl Hall of Fame.

Survivors include her husband, Excel Smith; one son and daughter-in-law, Geral and Jamie Marie Smith of Trinchera; one daughter and son-in-law, Jo Beth and Wayne Steward of Paradise; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ralph and Dewey Fay Miller of Fluvanna and Riley and Mary Miller of Justiceburg; her grandchildren, Mary Bess (Thad) Murphy of Dalhart, David Smith of Amarillo, Jonnaalea (Jarred) Tortorelli of Trinidad, Colo., Joel Smith and Melissa Smith, R.N., of Trinchera and Sarah Philena Steward of Paradise; and four great-grandchildren, Bonnie and Gage Murphy and Jessica and Jaylynn Tortorelli.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Richard Clinton Miller and James Richard Miller.

Pallbearers were David Smith, Joel Smith, Gary Waller, Henry Brown, Rolf Droll and Laddie Waller Jr. Honorary pallbearers were L.A. (Shorty) Vigil, George Strasia, Johnny Strasia, Charlie Strasia, Dr. Francis Visconti, Louie Cusimano, John A. Stavely, Don McClelland, Wayne Survant, C.T. Everett, Doug McGlaun and Murph Hudson.

Lodesca "Deck" Cobb

Services for Lodesca "Deck" Cobb were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2001, in the Family Funeral Care Chapel in Mesquite. Burial followed in the Grove Hill Memorial Park.

She died Feb. 17 in Richardson. Born April 10, 1915, in Emory, she was a 25-year member of the Emory Baptist Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Leah Rae Nichols and her husband, Joe Mac, of Montgomery, Carolyn Hodges of Lubbock, Cheri Foster and her husband, Phil, of Richardson and Nancy Martin and her husband, Tom, of Vancouver, Wash.; one son, Randall Ray Cobb and his wife, Kathy, of Mesquite; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Merrell Harper of Loves Park, Ill.; a niece, Beverly Rutledge; and a nephew, Cris Harper. She was preceded in death by two husbands, Leo Cobb in 1987 and Paul Moore in 1951.

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Opinions



And thereafter, sources of income

by Walter E. Williams

Last week, President George Bush sent his \$1.6 trillion tax cut proposal to Congress to have it welcomed by cries of "tax cuts for the rich".

Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said that tax cuts proposed for the rich would enable them to buy a Lexus, while the tax cuts for the poor would enable them to buy a muffler for a used car. Bush's proposal might be deemed unfair if you share its opponent's vision of the sources of income.

Here's that vision. Somewhere in the country there is a pile of money. The reason some people are rich while others are not is because greedy rich people got to the pile of money first and took their unfair share.

A variant of that vision is there is a dealer of dollars. The reason some people have much more money than others is because the dollar dealer is either a racist, sexist or elitist. The dollars aren't fairly dealt.

It's Congress' job to re-deal (income redistribution) the dollars, taking the ill-gotten gains of the greedy and returning them to their rightful owners. With either vision of the sources of income, what Bush is proposing is grossly unfair — giving the greedy rich tax breaks on gains that were ill-gotten in the first place.

Let's first look at the "rich" and the taxes they pay. The top 1 percent of earners (\$250,000 and above) paid 33 percent of all federal income taxes; the top 5 percent of earners (income over \$108,000) paid 52 percent; the top 10 percent (income over \$79,000) paid 63 percent; and the top 25 percent of income earners (income over \$48,000) paid 82 percent, or \$4 out of every \$5 in income taxes.

How did these people really become rich? Were they "winners in the lottery of life," as Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., says? Did they get to the pile of money first, or simply were beneficiaries of the unfair dollar dealing?



In a free society, income is earned by pleasing our fellow man. The greater our capacity to please, the more willing our fellow man is to voluntarily give his money — and the higher our earnings will be, whether it's in the form of wages, rent, interest or profit.

According to Fortune magazine, Gordon Earle Moore — founder of Intel — has a net worth of \$8 billion. Is he one of Gephardt's winners in life's lottery to be held up to ridicule?

Moore is a self-made man who in 1968 developed and marketed the integrated circuit, or microchip, that's responsible for thousands of today's innovations such as MRI's, satellite technology and your desktop computer.

Moore and many others like him are wealthy not because they took something from their fellow man but just the opposite: They served their fellow man.

While Moore has benefited immensely from his development and marketing of the microchip, his benefit pales in comparison to what our nation has benefited in terms of lives improved and saved, and the host of technological innovations made possible by the microchip.

Washington Post columnist E.J. Dione Jr. admits, "The wealthy pay the most taxes." But he adds, "They have also made the greatest gains in the past decade." Does Dione mean they were the greatest producers, or they got to the pile of money first?

I'm betting he means the latter. The only people who benefit from class warfare are politicians and the elite; they get our money and control our lives.

We just might ask ourselves: Where is a society headed that holds its most productive members up to ridicule and makes mascots out of its least productive and parasitic members?

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Bureaucratic nightmare has happy ending

by Vin Suprynowicz

Shaik Muhammad "Jay" Jawaid, 37, was brought to this country by his father in 1985 to study for his degree in mathematics.

"I really do believe that I'm an American," he says. "I really don't know what Pakistan is at this point. ... It's been since 1985 since I was there."

It's also been that long since Jay has seen his mother, who remains in Pakistan. The Las Vegas cab driver has long been afraid that if he went to visit her he would not be allowed back into this country to see his wife and children, who are American citizens.

Jawaid was within three courses of completing his B.S. degree in mathematics at Elmira College when his scholarship funds ran out and he had to drop out of school. He ended up here in Las Vegas, driving a cab.

In 1990 — the same year his father died — his student visa expired. He applied for political asylum in 1992, but that request was turned down. Charged with having overstayed his student visa, Jawaid was arrested in 1995. Appearing in court without the benefit of counsel, Jawaid was ordered to leave the country by Aug. 9, 1996. He appealed.

The brief from the appeal of Jawaid's case to the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals picks up the story:

"On Dec. 23, 1996, while his appeal before the Board of Immigration Appeals was pending, Jawaid learned that his girlfriend, Mi Kyang Kwak, a U.S. citizen, was pregnant with their child, and married her. Eight months later, on Sept. 9, 1997, Jessica Jawaid was born in Las Vegas, Nevada. ...

"On April 17, Jawaid's wife filed a visa petition for her husband and filed a filing fee of \$1,280 to the INS office in Las Vegas. Included in this filing fee was the \$1,000 penalty aliens are allowed to pay to adjust their status pursuant to section 245 (i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act."

The INS kept accepting the Jawaids' money. But then they would inform them that some technicality still prevented the husband from getting his citizenship, or even a green card — documentation which would allow him to work for a living here, or to return to this country were he to visit his mother in Karachi.

Most folks would probably figure Jawaid's marriage to an American citizen should have brought this matter to an end. As we all know, any legitimate marriage to an American citizen conveys American citizenship — in part so both parents can live with their children in the same country, a reasonable enough provision if everyone's goal is to keep families together and off welfare.

But that's not the way the Immigration and Naturalization Service saw things. Since Jawaid was held to have been in violation of a departure order at the time of his marriage, the INS considered his marriage "fraudulent."

"Do you really think this is a fake marriage?" I asked Tom Walter,

assistant district counsel in the Las Vegas office of the INS, late last month.

"That's not the case at all," Walter insisted. "The problem is by law this man cannot adjust his status. Number one he entered as a student, and students under the new law since 1996 cannot adjust. And number two he was given voluntary departure at the time of his original hearing, and under the terms of voluntary departure if you don't depart at the proper time, you're deemed to be ineligible later on for an adjustment of status."

"By the time he got married he was ineligible because of the laws that had passed and because he had not left at the time he said he would voluntarily leave. So even though he is married he can't adjust his status in the United States. Now, that doesn't mean he can't get his green card in Pakistan and become an immigrant. For the life me I can't understand many people who are in the same predicament that he is."

All folks like Jawaid have to do is "go home, go to their consulate, get a green card, and be admitted to the United States with a green card as an immigrant. ... If he'd simply gone home in 1996 like he said he would and gotten his green card, he'd be back by now as an immigrant."

"If he'd done that he would have waited 10 years to get back into the country," responds former District Court Judge Don Chairez, now a leading local practitioner of immigration law.

After a succession of attorneys took the Jawaids' money without doing them much good, Jay Jawaid was either smart enough or lucky enough to have his case cross the desk of Don Chairez.

Though Jawaid has tried to pay what he could to the former judge (Chairez stepped down from the bench to launch an unsuccessful bid for Congress in 1998), the taxi driver has been unable to work since his immigration troubles escalated. He now stays home with the kids while his wife supports the family as best she can on the modest pay of a taxi dispatcher.

Chairez paid to print up his briefs in the case at his own expense; he paid his own airfare to San Francisco to argue Jawaid's case before the Ninth Circuit.

"He would have grown up a stranger to his kids. Here's a guy who just wants to work and support his family, and if he'd left the country like they said he should, that family probably would have had to go on welfare," explains Chairez, who charted out for the appeals court the Byzantine thicket of regulations which the Jawaids have been trying to navigate for the past four years.

Chairez says he got the feeling the appeals court was losing patience with the government's contention that the Jawaids have a "fraudulent marriage" when the judges learned little Jessica is now three years old, and that baby Aisha was born two months ago, on Christmas morning.

"Don't you have anything better to do than to break up American families?" one of the justices asked the unfortunate U.S. attorney

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What did Lincoln really do?

by H.L. Mencken

The Gettysburg speech was at once the shortest and the most famous oration in American history...the highest emotion reduced to a few poetical phrases. Lincoln himself never even remotely approached it. It is genuinely stupendous.

But let us not forget that it is poetry, not logic; beauty, not sense. Think of the argument in it. Put it into the cold words of everyday. The doctrine is simply this: that the Union soldiers who died at Gettysburg sacrificed their lives to the cause of self-determination - that government of the people, by the people, for the people, should not perish from the earth. It is difficult to imagine anything more untrue.

The Union soldiers in the battle actually fought against self-determination; it was the Confederates who fought for the right of their people to govern themselves.

Think about this

"The doctrine of natural law that inspired the 18th-century declarations of the rights of man did not imply the obviously fallacious proposition that all men are biologically equal. It proclaimed that all men are born equal in rights and that this equality cannot be abrogated by any man-made law, that it is inalienable or, more precisely, imprescriptible."

—Ludwig von Mises

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assigned to argue the case.

"I think that was a pretty good sign it was going our way," Chairez smiles.

When the hearing was over, the appeals court ordered the INS — in language about as straightforward as the courts ever use — to make this case go away.

On Feb. 2, Mimi and Jessica and little Aisha Jawaid got an early Valentine. The INS called Don Chairez to tell him the deportation case against Sheik Muhammad Jawaid is being "terminated."

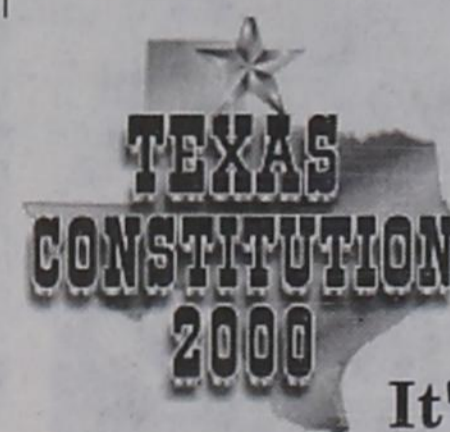
"They even took the extraordinary measure of approving his adjustment-of-status application, too," a jubilant Chairez told me.

Legal services of the kind Jawaid received from the former judge "run roughly \$250 to \$300 an hour," Jawaid says. "I have paid him as much as I can," but in essence, "he did it almost for free. There is really no way to measure what he did. But his work is very effective, and I think that's what I admire the most. He is an honest, hard-working man. Don Chairez is a very devoted man, for some reason."

Maybe because Don Chairez's own father was also an immigrant — a Mexican-born U.S. soldier who died while the judge was still a boy, whose G.I. benefits were the only reason young Don was able to go to law school, at all.

"I have learned, too," Jawaid says, "once I find someone sincere, let that person take care of it."

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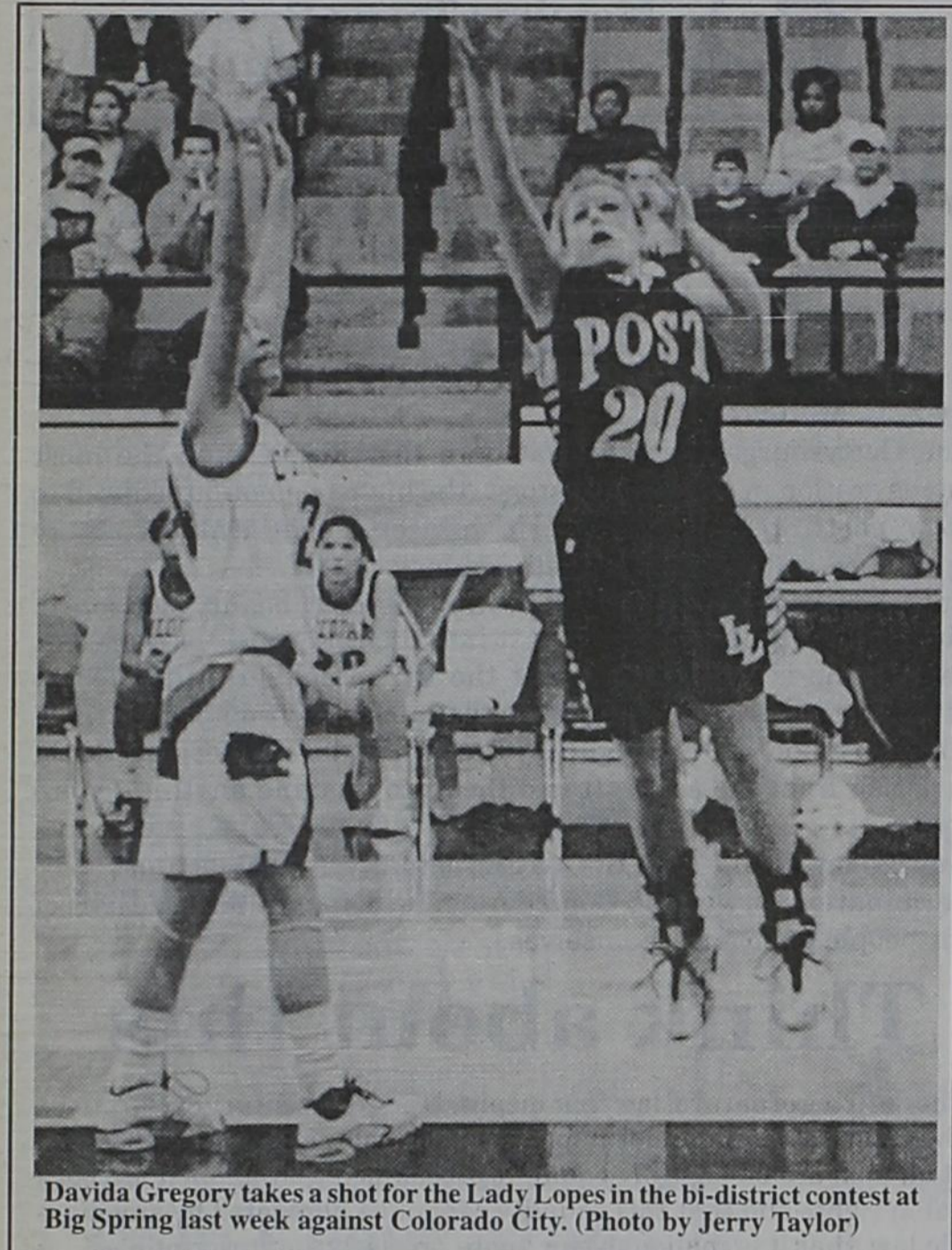
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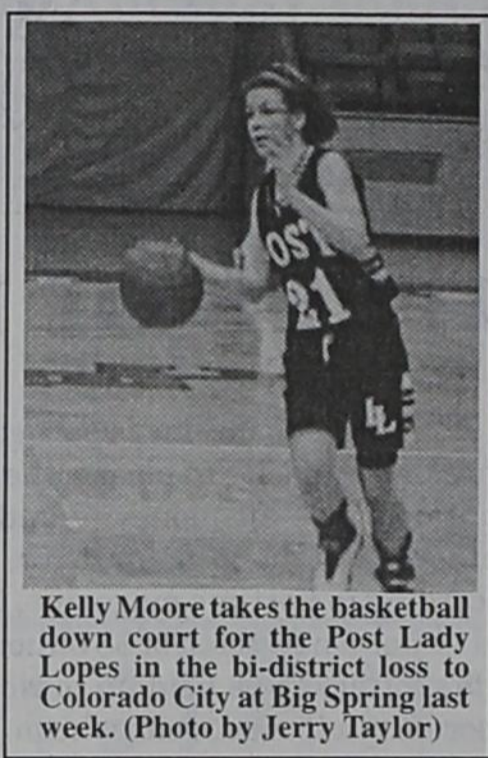
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Lady Lopes bow out of play-offs

by Wes Burnett
They had high expectations and big goals, but getting past Colorado City last week cut the season short for the Post Lady Lopes. In a tightly fought bi-district game at Big Spring, the Lady Lopes could not overcome a 31-20 halftime deficit, and walked away from a 58-52 loss.
"It was a big disappointment," coach Ron Taylor said, "but these girls worked hard all year and they have a great record." Taylor pointed out that in the bi-district contest the Lady Lopes were only able to hit 25 percent of their shots from the field, "and in the play-offs, you just can't miss that many shots," he said.
The Lady Lopes have only lost one district game in the past two years, and have won every home game at the Post gymnasium in the same time span. "It's tough to be out so soon," Taylor added, "but we've got to move on, and with five starters returning next year, we'll be back."
At the bi-district contest, Meagan Mills led the team with 12 points, followed by Emily Smith at 10, eight each by Davida Gregory and Kenda Looney and seven by Kelly Moore and Manuela Hernandez.



Emily Smith shoots another two-pointer for the Post Lady Lopes in their close bi-district game with Colorado City last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Kelly Moore takes the basketball down court for the Post Lady Lopes in the bi-district loss to Colorado City at Big Spring last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Antelopes roughed up by Cowboys

by Wes Burnett
The Post Antelopes trailed by seven points at halftime, but the Plains Cowboys pulled out a host of three-point shots in the third period to put the bi-district game Monday night out of reach.
"They were quick and rebounded well," Antelope coach Dane Vickers said, "and we knew we had to rebound better to stay in the game." Vickers said he is pleased with the effort by the Lopes, "they had never been to the playoffs before, and it's a different level of competition."
Vickers complimented the great job by seniors Tyrone Jefferson, Clinton Curtis, Raul Ortiz and Justin Norman. "All year these guys have shown leadership and determination," Vickers said.
Scoring in the contest included Jarrett Vickers with 12, followed by Jefferson with 10, Michael Huff and Norman with six, Mitchell Mills hit for four, Brody Robertson picked out three and John Eilenberger scored one.
"We've got a great start on next year," Vickers added, "with Mills, Vickers, Reyna, Huff and Robertson returning." The coach also said that Brandon Bell, Kenny Ratke, Seth Redman, Tye Mason, John Eilenberger and Brice Easterling will round out next year's varsity.

NEWS OF EDUCATION

Teaching Kids Basic Skills Can Be Fun And Games

(NAPS)—A child's adjustment to the first years of school can be a time of great anticipation for parents. You hope your child will be quick to learn and get along well with other children. The good news is there are fun, non-threatening ways you can help develop your child's skills at home.
When you have a conference with your child's teacher, be sure to ask if your child responds well to teacher instructions and if there are any skills you can reinforce at home. Also ask about your child's socialization with others. Teachers and parents can work together to plan successful and rewarding activities by each taking part in the child's learning process. When children learn skills at home by playing games with their parents, siblings or friends, these skills will also improve in the classroom.
Parenting expert Sylvia Rimm, Ph.D., author of *Raising Preschoolers, How To Parent So Children*

Will Learn and See Jane Win, suggests that playing board games with preschool-aged children is a fun way for parents and caregivers to help reinforce important and educational skills.
"Playing games like Candy Land* and Chutes and Ladders* offers parents an opportunity to observe and learn more about their child's personality, abilities and interests, while helping to teach key spatial, cognitive and attention skills during this important stage of development," Dr. Rimm says. "Parents and teachers can determine the areas children



may need help with, such as self-esteem, sharing or memorization, and choose games and activities that will build these skills."
Busy parents seeking ways to incorporate games into learning have a one-stop source at www.myfirstgames.com. The Web site provides parents with educational information, a listing of games that help develop specific skills and a parenting advice column from Dr. Rimm, and tips on planning a play date with your child. The site also includes a clubhouse where children can participate in a variety of creative activities like printing customized calendars and listening to their favorite characters tell stories. Each activity is designed to be fun and help children practice key educational skills like counting, learning colors and matching.
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Lori Marsh earns TSU degree

Lori Leigh Marsh, daughter of Curtis and Julie Hudman, received a bachelor of science degree during December commencement ceremonies at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.
She received a degree in horse production.
Marsh and her husband, Chad, are employed through student assistantships at Texas A&M University in College Station.

You and Your Health

Something not so controversial?

How about something a little less controversial this week, say, school prayer. Not on your life! Sorry folks, sometimes I just feel the need to preach on an issue that concerns me, like the one from last week on the drug/crime problem. At least you don't have to be my poor wife and kids and hear this stuff all of the time!
I want to take a look at the other side of the issue; the person who suffers from the disease of substance abuse. Yep, that includes good ol' alcohol and any other of the many legal substances of abuse. Including tobacco, prescription narcotics and sleeping pills, and nose spray (just kidding) to name a few. What is that all about?
Is it a disease, or just a weakness of the mind and will? Can it be cured? Why would anybody even start using these things?
I will examine these issues through the eyes of an individual who has not used drugs before but who will eventually become an addict. (Remember, I say drugs, it includes ALCOHOL. I don't want to have to say it again!)
Last question first — people take their drug of choice for the first time typically to satisfy a curiosity that society has created by the "forbidden fruit" nature of the deal. At this stage things are pretty good.
Many times the individual will report the sensation of having "felt normal for the first time in their life." This is in spite of not being overtly aware of feeling abnormal in the first place. In my opinion it is at this point that a "switch" is turned on deep in the brain, some place that has been lying dormant since the individual's conception when the genes of one parent mingled with the genes of the other.
One of those genes is thought to contain the information that makes that switch. No one really understands this, but this is one model proposed to make some sense of it.
If this person is never exposed to a stimuli that activates the switch they may proceed through life unscathed. In my mind, that person is still an abuser but has been unaffected by the drug due to lack of exposure.
That is not unlike an individual who will go on to develop diabetes as an adult. The metabolic defect is in place from conception. Should this person become a nutritionist prior to developing symptoms of diabetes, they may never develop the disease or even know they have the defect in place.
If that same individual becomes a cheeto loving couch potato, there defect will become evident and declare itself as diabetes. Same kind of deal.
At the point of first ingestion of the drug, when the switch is turned on, I think this individual is in trouble. Of course, to them, nothing could be further from the truth. They finally are in possession of a sensation that has subtly eluded them; they feel normal.
No longer awkward and self conscious, it is a natural progression to continue to use their drug of choice. It makes complete sense to them. At this point, things are still going pretty good. It's almost all upside.
They haven't begun to lose things yet. It is practically impossible to get someone to stop the behavior at this point.
If they use long enough eventually things begin to accelerate. More and more substance is required (sometimes less in the case of alcohol) to get to that place of feeling normal. Pretty soon it's all one can do to even get to that place anymore. The drug has quit working it's magic. OK, just stop it then. By this point one probably really wants to stop and probably even tries to do so on their own.
Some even can quit for a while only to fall back into the trap of thinking they can again do their drug again and that it will work like it did before. It never does.
Now the trap that has been stretching open for all these years snaps shut. The fellow really wants to stop but just cannot do it. As has been said, "One is too many, a hundred is not enough."
Often the individual slips into a very dangerous state of mind called denial. No, this is not de river in Egypt what dem peoples put de Moses child into. (that was bad!) it is a deeply subconscious state of mind in which the individual is blinded to any insight into their problem.
They are not lying when they claim to not have a problem with drugs, they really believe it! After all, they could stop anytime if they wanted to. Nicotine addicts say this all of the time. They really believe it.
So you see, these conditions are not chosen by the afflicted fellow. He does not wake up one morning and, looking in the mirror say, "I think I will become an alcoholic, ruin my life and take a few others down with me."
No, not that way. Like many diseases it is insidious and before you realize you're afflicted you are smack dab in the middle of it.
Hopeless? Not at all. While it is a fact that the natural history or progression of the disease of addiction is to drink or otherwise drug themselves daily until either they are institutionalized (jail, mental hospital, etc.), or, die, neither condition is motivation enough to stop in most cases.
A friend of mine in recovery responds to the question of why he drank by saying, "I drank because I was an alcoholic, and that is what an alcoholic does." What do you do, then?
Treatment is difficult but not impossible. The substances are powerful. They entice you to use them in the face of death. These are very powerful drugs to the addicted.
The most successful solution that has ever been devised is the program of AA, or, Alcoholics Anonymous. As it is one of their traditions that the organization be anonymous at the level of the press and so I will leave it at that. It is not hard to find a meeting anywhere in the world.
Treatment centers are expensive but may be worth it to the individual with deep seeded denial. These folks are prone to relapse and just keeping their drug away from them is helpful. The mainstay of any treatment program is, you guessed it, AA. Remember, there are programs of this type for any type of addictive drug, not just alcohol.
So why all of the explanation? I am just trying to provide a little insight into the medical aspect of addiction. It is difficult to change opinions on such things, but I felt it was my responsibility as a medical doctor and a friend of the addicted to give it a whirl.
Thanks for spending this time with me.
Winston Whitt, MD

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George Duckworth honored as Pioneer Cowboy of Year

George Durham Duckworth was named Garza County Pioneer Cowboy of the Year at last Saturday evening's annual Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau banquet.

by Ronnie Dunn

George Durham Duckworth was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira N. Duckworth. He was the oldest of four boys. He was born Oct. 30, 1885. Their names were Bud, who died in 1935; Walter, who was a businessman in Garza County; Ira Lee, who was the president of the bank for many years in Post. His father was Ira N. Duckworth, a business partner to George Striplin of the Striplin Dry Goods in Fort Worth. George's mother, Cassandra Duckworth, was an Austin aristocrat that married Ira N. Duckworth. The Duckworth boys received most of their education from their mother.

George's daddy brought him to Snyder when he was two years old. Ira Duckworth had large holdings of land in Kent and Scurry counties. His ranch included Cooper Mt. in Kent County.

He raised horses and cattle. He put George on his first horse when he was three, having a special small saddle made for him.

He would get sleepy and his dad would lay him under a tree, tie his horse near him and finish seeing the cattle, picking up George and going home. George's mom, "Grandmuzzy," always was afraid he would forget

where he was. It was the life that George loved. He learned how to train horses and herd cattle.

When George was 12, his father was kicked by a horse and died, leaving George as head of the family. He worked all different ranches in Post to help his family survive. He went to work in the fall of 1903 for the Llanos.

O.B. Kelly was foreman there. While George was working on the Llanos, he was sent to work with other ranches. He worked through the OS roundup at Green tank, and there he met Elvy Knox, his future bride-to-be. He was attracted to Elvy right off, but was so shy with women that he wouldn't eat until the women had eaten.

George and Elvy soon were to be married. The wedding was held in the parlor of the Algerita Hotel. They were the first couple to be married in Garza County.

In 1907, Garza County was organized. The story is told that every man voted in that election and also voted his horse. The night before there had been a big poker game. George won everyone's money but had to give it back to them for the cowboys to vote and they voted in five horses to organize Garza County.

There is a historical monument documenting this, but George's name was left off and a cowboy was written in by request of his wife. She didn't

want people to know he was gambling.

George and Elvy had two daughters, the deceased Mary Florence Duckworth and Ira Franklin Duckworth McLaurin (Dude).

George spent his life in Garza County. Like all cattlemen, he bought and sold land, always going back to Justiceburg. He was ranching south of Post when a blue northern struck and froze 1,500 steers.

He shipped the rest of his cattle to Texline, N.M. He unloaded them and drove them to Pueblo, Colo., to the Chimney Peak Ranch. Elvy drove the chuck wagon. Also, he was on a cattle drive that he drove 1,500 steers down 19th Street in Lubbock.

He also drove a herd to Amarillo before there was a torn. He took his responsibilities seriously. He spent his life working in the roughest weather, working through blizzards, blinding sand storms and streaks of fire dancing across fence lines from lightning.

He also talked about seeing lightning streaks along horse manes and across cattle's backs. He spent many nights on the cold hard ground. He died in Post in 1965.

These are just a few episodes in a cowboy's life. The family never heard George Duckworth complain, gripe or fuss about anything. He said all cattlemen went broke every 10 years. He ran for sheriff of Garza County, but Elvy prayed him out of the job.

George died but his legacy and memories will go on. His love for his family was as big as the West Texas sky. His love just reached out and drew people to him. We are all glad he was a cowboy and not a cattle baron.



Members of the George Duckworth family attending last Saturday evening's Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau banquet were (back row, left to right) Casey Short, Jay, Shane and Tucker Bridwell, Ruby and George McLaurin, Lea Hair, Sandee Cross, Sydna Lynn, Leandy Pritchard, Hank Lynn, Ray Cameron, Matt Pritchard, Johnny Hair, (front) Mary Margaret Norman, Francis Camp, Genny Maecker, Jacob Cameron, Dude McLaurin holding Kari Maecker, Lucindy McLaurin and Kristi Cameron holding Frankie Bridwell.



Citizen of the Year Larry Mills (center) is joined by his wife Kim and children (left) Mace, Meagan (right) and Mitchell at last Saturday evening's Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau's annual banquet.

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Doug Tipton - Garza County Conservationist of the Year

John Douglas "Doug" Tipton was named Garza County Conservationist of the Year at last Saturday evening's Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau's annual banquet. The following are highlights of the presentation.

by B.L. Thomas,
Garza Soil & Water Conservation District
Born May 1, 1919, to Joe and Augusta Pankey Tipton

Siblings: five sisters — Tiny, Lou, Josephine, Ruby, Bobbi; one brother — Jim; two half-brothers, Bill and Ted

Married: Claudine Bright Tipton, 1953

Joe and Augusta moved to the Garza County Close City community in 1915 by way of Lee, Shackelford and Jones counties.

Doug began farming with his father, Joe, at the age of 10 and eventually took over the operation

after his father became seriously ill and died in 1939.

Doug joined the Marines in 1942 and served until 1947. Once discharged from the Marines, he returned to West Texas and moved his mother, "Mamaw," to Hale Center and farmed with his brother-in-law, Ted Shults, for a year until he and his mother moved back to Post and he built a new home for them.

Doug's first tractor was a used "B John Deere" that he traded six mules for the down payment. One of his first crops was 20 bales of cotton priced from 20 cents to 50 cents per pound.

While farming, Doug performed carpentry work with Lefty Davies. Some of the homes he helped build are the David Tyler, Ruby Kirkpatrick, Herring West Main St. and houses on West 10th, the mill village houses and many others.

Cotton is the predominate crop raised throughout the year, but Doug has raised maize, soy beans and sunflowers which he contracted for 12.5 cents per pound. He considers it as one of the worst years he farmed.

The best year was 1973 when cotton was 80 cents per pound and a bumper crop. That is the year he started building his and Claudine's home where they still live near U.S. Highway 84.

Doug is a very talented man — many pieces of equipment that he used in farming he built from scratch. Like building houses, he would take out a piece of paper and start drawing and he would have a "blueprint" of what he wanted to build. Then he built it.

He also enjoyed painting oil pictures. His work is special since he



"Doug" Tipton was honored as Garza County Conservationists of the Year at last Saturday's Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau's annual banquet. He is joined by his wife, Claudine.



Post Commerce and Tourism Board of Directors introduced at last Saturday's annual banquet included (left to right) Danny Cooper, president Marie Neff, JoAnn Stelzer and Tommy Young.



Georgia Slough accepted an award to her mother Gladys Blair at last Saturday evening's Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau's annual banquet. Blair, who has been hospitalized since December 21, was unable to attend the event.

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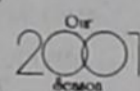
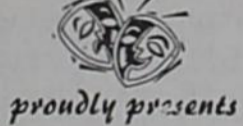
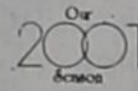
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Letters to the Editor

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"It's not my fault!"

Let's see if I understand the state of personal responsibility in the America of 2001.

- If a woman burns her thighs on the hot coffee she was holding in her lap while driving, she blames the restaurant.
- If your teen-age son kills himself, you blame the rock 'n' roll musician he liked.
- If you smoke three packs a day for 40 years and die of lung cancer your family blames the tobacco company.
- If your daughter gets pregnant by the football captain you blame the school for poor sex education.
- If your neighbor crashes into a tree while driving home drunk, you blame the bartender.
- If your cousin gets AIDS because the needle he used to shoot heroin was dirty, you blame the government for not providing clean ones or because heterosexuals wished it on him.
- If your grandchildren are brats without manners, you blame television.
- And, if your friend is shot by a deranged madman, you blame the gun manufacturer and the NRA.
- If your stint as president of the United States is tainted by never ending scandals...blame a vast right wing conspiracy.

Is this the American way?
Richard King, Lubbock

Who are the thieves among us?

To all of you parents out there, when a child works hard to reach his or her goals, they are rewarded, right? Well, that is where the letter jackets come in in the school system. There are several things the child can work in and get a letter jacket. It is a shame that some of the kids work their hearts out to get the jacket, then they have someone steal it out of their locker.

Our son who had worked for two years for his jacket had it all of five days. It was stolen out of his locker. The second son had his for almost two years. his was gone Friday (2/16/01).

Come on, parents. You know if your child deserves one or not. Do you promote the stealing? When your child ends up in the prison north of town, don't say you couldn't help it. This time they did take more than just a jacket. The one that was stolen Friday night had \$3,000 worth of hearing aids in the pocket.

If you care about your child and his or her future, return the jackets and also the hearing aids to the school office or the police office, take your pick.

Rosemary Cole

"Belinda" enjoys Post visit

I just wanted to write and tell you

how much I am enjoying visiting Post and all the people.

I want to thank the Trailblazers, the Rotary Club, the Women's Cultural Club and the Caprock Cultural Association for allowing my friend, JoAnn Mock, to hand out my invitations. I am so anxious to see my old friend "Harvey" perform at the Garza Theatre in his play. I know that he will be outstanding, and I hope that a lot of people will be there too.

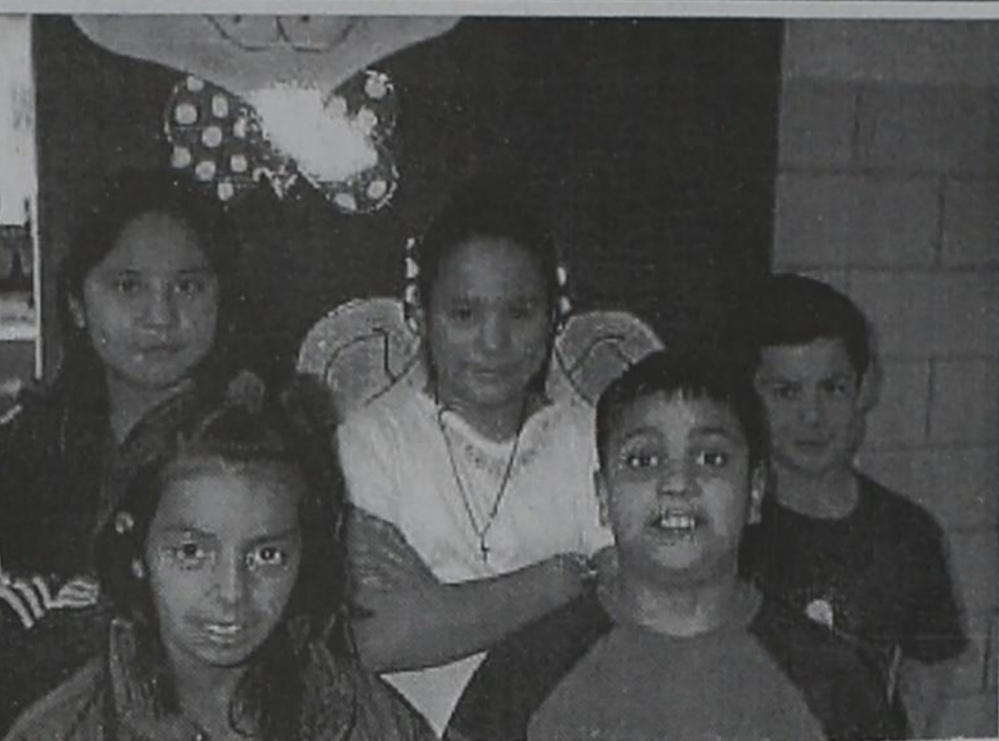
I want you to know that the friendly reception I have had in Post has really helped me put my heartache aside over my breakup with my boyfriend, Chad. As you know, there were so many rumors about him in Florida, that I just could not live with it. It was just awful.

Anyway, seeing "Harvey" will certainly lift my spirits. It is so important that we have good crowds at the Garza Theatre. I will also be attending the CCA Hospitality Hour on Friday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. before going to the play. They will have some refreshments and entertainment that I'm sure to enjoy. I will also go to the Dairy Queen after the play on Sunday, March 4 to hobnob and meet all of the cast and friends of Harvey. I hope that I visit with some of my new friends at all these places.

My best to Post, Belinda
(Belinda is JoAnn Mock's pink flamingo friend that was so confused about everything happening in Florida that when she migrated, she found herself flying East to West rather than North to South and when she realized she was near Post, decided to see the play that her old friend Harvey was starring in at the Garza Theatre in Post. As you know, Harvey, the six-foot rabbit, is also an imaginary friend.)



Post High School National Honor Society inductees are (back row, left to right) Adam Nobles, Tye Mason, Mirra Gomez, Brice Easterling, Russell Eaton, (front) Jarrett Vickers, Jamie Dawson, Nicole Gray, Chase Miller, Kenda Josey and Amanda Workman.



Five Post Elementary students successfully completed Level 1 in the CEI Reading Lab are (back row, left to right) Marsi Diaz, Amanda Rodriguez, Timothy Garza, (front) Cecilia Ortiz and Colby Crispin. The lab uses computer technology to help students become better readers.

New gym...

(Continued from Page 1)
teaching math skills.

• Conducted an executive session to discuss principals' contracts and the athletic director's contract. Following the closed-door session, the board voted in open session to extend the contracts of Brian Brownlow, middle school principal; Marvin Self, elementary school principal; and Richard Gorman, athletic director. Also approved were several new substitutes, including James Backo, Susan Boren and Brenda Sweeten.

• Heard a parental complaint during the executive session; however, no formal action was required.

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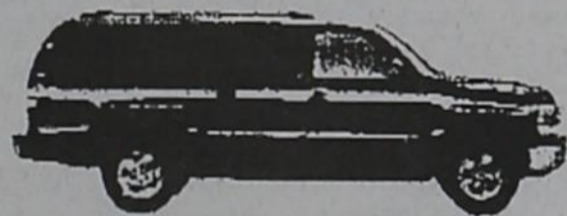
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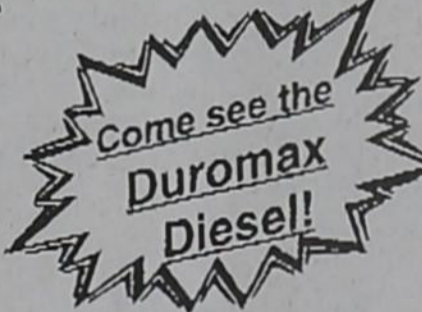
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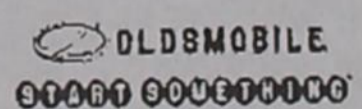
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